

**Washington State Planning Grant on Access to Health Insurance  
OVERVIEW OF EMPLOYER-BASED SURVEYS – Work in Progress**

**Table 1. Summary**

<b>Survey Name (Code)</b>	<b>Years Conducted Since 1990</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>Survey Design</b>	<b>WA- specific data?</b>	<b>Likelihood of study continuing</b>	<b>Periodicity</b>	<b>Data Availability</b>
Employer Health Insurance Survey (EHIS)	1993, 1997	RWJF and RAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer-assisted telephone interviews, self-administered questionnaires, and administrative records data</li> <li>• National probability sample of private and public employers</li> <li>• Samples of private employers selected from Dun's Market Identifiers</li> <li>• Excludes self-employed persons with no employees</li> <li>• Data regarding state employees were obtained from each state government</li> <li>• Data regarding federal employees taken from US Bureau of Labor Statistics and Office of Personnel Management</li> </ul>	Yes	Very unlikely, unless it receives alternative funding.	Twice	Data are available on a public access file
Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component (MEPS-IC)	1996 through present	AHRQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An annual panel survey</li> <li>• Data collected through a prescreening telephone interview, a mailed questionnaire, and a telephone follow-up for non-respondents</li> <li>• Sample of business establishments and governments throughout the United States, chosen from a number of sources: 1) a list of employers or other insurance providers identified by MEPS Household Component respondents who report having private health insurance at the Round 1 interview, 2) a Bureau of the Census list frame of private-sector business establishments, 3) the Census of Governments from the Bureau of the Census, and 4) an Internal Revenue</li> </ul>	Yes	Very high likelihood of study continuing into future	Annual	<p>Data are currently available for 1996-1998 studies</p> <p>Raw data are not available but it is possible to request specific data from AHRQ</p>

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			<p>Service list of the self-employed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collected from the first sampling frame (employers and other insurance providers) are linked back to data provided by the MEPS-HC respondents</li> </ul>				

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**Table 2. Units of Analysis**

<b>Survey</b> (see key)	<b>Units of Analysis</b>			
	State	Business Size	Industry	Worker Type (# hours worked)
EHIS	X	X	Available, although estimates may not be reliable	X
MEPS-IC	X	X	Available through special arrangement; although the estimates may not be reliable	X

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**Table 3. Support of Local Area Estimates**

<b>Survey</b> (see key)	<b>Geographic Areas</b>						
	National	Groups of States	Washington State	MSAs	Counties	Cities	Other
EHIS			X		X (by special arrangement)		
MEPS-IC	X	X	X				

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**Table 4: Support of Geographic Linkage of Contextual Information**

<b>Survey</b> (see key)	<b>Geographic Areas</b>					
	Groups of States	Individual States	MSAs	Counties	Cities	Other
EHIS		X		X (By special arrangement)		
MEPS-IC	X	X				